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1. DURING JULY 5 MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF
FISHERIES KAMENTSEV SCICOUNS NOTED THAT TIME REQUIRED
FOR US INTERNAL REVIEW OF SOVIET DRAFT FISHERIES AGREE-
MENT (REF A) PROBABLY PRECLUDES US DELEGATION FROM
COMING TO USSR IN JULY, AS KAMENTSEV HAD REQUESTED (REF
B). KAMENTSEV EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE US POSITION
AND SAID SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE US DELEGATION
AT ANY TIME. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS QUESTION, KAMENTSEV
STATED THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER IT NECESSARY FOR US DELE-
GATION TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW TO SIGN US-SOVIET ACCORD ON
US FISHING IN SOVIET 200 MILE ZONE, EVEN IF THERE ARE NO
OUTSTANDING OPEN QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE NEGOTIATION.

2. SCICOUNS EXPLAINED US POSITION WITH RESPECT TO
POSSIBLE TWO YEAR REVIEW OF US-SOVIET GIFA, TO WHICH
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KAMENTSEV ALSO EXPRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT.
KAMENTSEV STATED THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO INTENTION OF
PROPOSING ANY CHANGES IN THE GIFA IF SUCH A REVIEW
WERE TO BE HELD. KAMENTSEV ADDED THAT IF US WISHES TO
PROPOSE ANY CHANGES, SOVIETS WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
US PROPOSALS IN ADVANCE.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING KAMENTSEV RAISED QUESTION OF SAAMON TALKS. SCICOUNS OUTLINED US POSITION ON POSSIBLE SALMON TALKS CONTAINED IN REFS C AND D.

KAMENTSEV CLAIMS THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRININ HAD RECEIVED OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION IN WASHINGTON THAT US IS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD "MINISTERIAL LEVEL" MEETING ON PACIFIC SALMON. SCICOUNS NOTED THAT PLANS FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO USSR BY SECRETARY KREPS ARE STILL HIGHLY TENTATIVE. KAMENTSEV REPLIED THAT IF SECRETARY KREPS CANNOT ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO THE SALMON TALKS SOVIETS WOULD EXPECT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEGROPONTE TO HEAD THE US DELEGATION. KAMENTSEV STATED THAT MEETING OF SCIENTISTS ON SAKHLIN TO DISCUSS PACIFIC SALMON HAS BEEN AGREED FOR SEPTEMBER 28. KAMENTSEV NOTED THAT THE SOVIET REPORTS ARE ALREADY BEING PREPARED FOR THE MEETING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. MOISEYEV OF THE ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR MARINE FISHERIES AND OCEANOLOGY, WHO ACCORDING TO KAMENTSEV, HAS BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT WITH DR. ROBERT EDWARDS OF NMFS IN WOODS HOLE, AND WITH CANADIAN AND JAPANESE SCIENTISTS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IN THE POUCH A COPY OF THE DRAFT FISHERIES AGREEMENT WHICH SOVIET FISHERIES ATTACHE ZNAMENSKIY GAVE DEPT ON JUNE 21.
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